

CAPISTRANO BAY DISTRICT  
AGENDA REPORT  
July 30, 2009

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*Security Activity Report*

ITEM F.2

Report of Activity on Fourth of July

Guest and visitor activity at the community entrance was extremely busy this year. There were two officers stationed in the guard shack from about 10:30 am through 10:00 pm. The District Manager came by in the morning about 9 am and never left until just before the fireworks show got underway at 9 pm.

It was observed that the District needs to provide an all-day traffic control officer out at the beginning of our driveway to prevent the public from wandering down our driveway and getting in the way of authorized visitors and guests. This would be an additional officer to the current program but is absolutely essential.

Staff did not hear of any unusual parking problems beyond the random typical, “A car from my neighbor’s house just parked over in my RR parking area and I have a bunch of guests coming any time now!” Parking enforcement apparently went well as staff did not hear any complaints in the aftermath of the holiday, nor did the community have any serious speed problems.

Having 3 motor officers on the beach, backed up by two on the road seemed to provide an adequate presence that deterred a lot of potential fireworks.

One big problem that cannot be easily fixed is that of the incoming high tide in the evening. This plainly cuts off access by the motor officers in the narrow beach areas and the officers were specifically instructed to NOT motor along the narrow areas where they would have to pass very close to people out on the beach – this resulted in some areas not getting checked closely after about 8:30 pm.

Staff still encourages comments from property owners who may have experienced problems – please feel free to pass on suggestions, observations and comments.

***Included in the information packet is the 3-page report from the Special Motor Officer team assigned to beach patrol duties.***